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## Letter from R. Hunter to James H. Rion, 1883 January 15

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Fonthill, Essex Co. Va.

Jan. 15/83.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter and was gratified to get it. I am much obliged to Mr. Clemson for his kind invitation, through you, to complete the Life of Geo. C. Calhoun at his house. What he says of his wish that I should complete that Life, I feel to be a high compliment. Amid many blows which I have sustained in latter years, I feel this to be a green spot. But I cannot leave home long enough to finish the book. I have a wife and daughters and my care is necessary for my family.

I am more anxious to complete the work than Mr. C. — can be for me to do it, but it would require an amount of time that I cannot now devote to it.



Time would be required not only for its composition, but for the study necessary to do it justice. The importance of a fair and complete life of that eminent man will increase with time.

Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Calhoun did more in my opinion than all other men to present the true form of American Republican government. Mr. Jefferson did most of the two to formulate it, Mr. Calhoun's was the more profound analysis. No hurried performance could do justice to that.

I hope some one else will undertake it, who can do the subject more complete justice than I could, even were my time free to devote to the work of my choice. But I will not dwell upon what is inevitable, nor do I suppose that words of mine can make you feel more deeply the importance of the life and services of



The great Carolinian, or appreciate  
more highly the political moral  
of his career.

I should be pleased to hear  
that you were devoting your energies  
to it.

I am, my dear Sir, with great  
respect.

Yrs very truly  
R. M. C. Hunter

Mr. James H. Rion



From R. A. J. Hunter  
to Jas. W. Rison dated Fort Hill  
Essex Co. Va. Declines to furnish  
the life of John C. Calhoun &c